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TO: OTTAWA INFO DIRECTOR 4

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SUBJECT: SERVICE TO RSAC, CANADIAN GOVERNMENT 4

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FROM DIRECTOR FBIS 4

1. WE HAVE A REQUEST FROM GREGG CALKIN, INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE LIAISON OFFICER IN WASHINGTON, TO PROVIDE 24-HOUR FBIS WIRE SERVICE TO REFUGEE STATUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RSAC) OF THE CANADIAN EMPLOYMENT AND IMMIGRATION COMMISSION. HE SAYS THIS IS SUPPORTED BY THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY COMPONENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. 4

2. RSAC IS DESCRIBED AS A "QUASI-AUTONOMOUS TRIBUNAL ESTABLISHED TO INVESTIGATE THE BONA FIDES OF INDIVIDUALS CLAIMING REFUGEE STATUS IN CANADA." CALKIN SAYS IT REQUIRES "DETAILED AND UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ON POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN COUNTRIES AROUND THE WORLD." THE OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN HULL, IN QUEBEC PROVINCE. HE ASKS FOR A FINANCIAL ESTIMATE WHICH WOULD ASSIST CANADIAN AUTHORITIES IN TAKING A FINAL DECISION TO PROCEED. 4

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3. WHILE COSTS WILL HAVE TO BE ABSORBED BY CANADIAN AUTHORITIES, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ADVICE/CONCURRENCE AS TO WHETHER TO PROVIDE THE SERVICE. BELIEVE AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE SERVICE SHOULD BE FOR RECIPIENTS HAVING AN INTELLIGENCE/FOREIGN AFFAIRS^R ORIENTATION. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE INTERNAL CONTROL OF THE

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